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SUBJECT: NEW FY-76 SDC CONTRACT (NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE)

1) BASED EARLIER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GOM AND USG FOR MOPS
76-77 PROGRAM, SDC HAS PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR A THREE-
PHASE TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC MOPS OPERATIONAL PROGRAM.
INTENTION IS THAT ONE MOPS BE MEXICAN MANAGED AND OPERATED
AND THAT ONE MOPS BE AMERICAN MANAGED AND OPERATED
PROVIDED BY SDC UNDER CONTRACT WITH AID/W.

A. IN THIS JOINT TWO-TEAM EFFORT FOR THE 1976-77 MOPS
CAMPAIGN, SDC WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF
ITS RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES AND FOR SUPPLYING DATA
OUTPUT IN A FORMAT COMPATIBLE WITH THE TACTICAL AND
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STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE PROGRAM.

B. SDC'S PROPOSED EFFORTS ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE PHASES. THEY INTEND OPERATING THREE EIGHT HOUR SHIFTS PER DAY WHERE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. PHASE I - FINALIZE OPERATIONAL PLAN INCLUDING REPORTING, IMAGE HANDLING, MAP PRODUCTION SCHEDULE, AND MAINTENANCE, AND INSTALL THE SECOHD MOPS MOBILE LABORATORIES. PHASE II -

A PLANNED 80,000 SQUARED KM WOULD BE MONITORED FOR DETECTION AND VERIFICATION TWICE DURING AN 8-10 MONTH PERIOD (IDENTIFIED AREAS TO BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ONE-TENTH ACRE IN SIZE). THIS TO INCLUDE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF FIELDS, TRANSFER TO BASE MAPS, MAP PROD'CTION, AND ANALYSIS FOR ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS. PHASE III - AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OPERATION, I.E., PERCENT OF CROP DETECTED AND DESTROYED, PHOTO INTERPRETER ACCURACY, PLANTING PATTERNS, BACKGROUND CROPS, AVERAGE FIELD SIZE, IMPORTANT LOCATIONS, YIELDS FROM UNTREATED AREAS, ROUTES AND NETWORKS TO STORAGE AND COLLECTION CONTROLS. THIS STRATEGIC INFORMATION TO BE USED IN PLANNING FOR FUTURE MOPS PROGRAMS.

C. PROPOSED MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR SDC MANAGED MOPS TEAM IS 13 AMERICANS CONSISTING OF 1 PROGRAM MANAGER, 1 PILOT, 1 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHER, 4 PHOTO INTERPRETERS, 1 PHOTO SCIENTIST, 2 TECHNICIANS, 2 CARTOGRAPHERS, AND 1 AIRCRAFT MECHANIC. INCLUSION MECHANIC IS TO ALLOW SDC TO TAKE TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE. THIS WILL REQUIRE GOM CLEARANCE. THERE WILL BE NO REQUIREMENT FOR MEXICAN PERSONNEL EXCEPT AS DESIGNATED IN IIF BELOW.

D. IN ADDITION TO EQUIPMENT NOW AVAILABLE IN COUNTRY, SOME ITEMS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR NEW PROCUREMENT INCLUDING CAMERAS, STEREO VIEWERS, MOUNTS, ENLARGER AND SPARE PARTS, ETC.

2) BASED ON THE ABOVE PROGRAM OUTLINE, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO NEGOTIATE A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GOM OF THE FOLLOWING BASIC ASSUMPTIONS AND HOST COUNTRY SUPPORT:

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A. SDC'S ACTIVITY WILL BE LIMITED TO THE DETECTION AND VERIFICATION ASPECTS OF THE MOPS PROGRAM IN THE CULIACAN AREA.

B. ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR TOTAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE AREA TO BE PERFORMED NOT LESS THAN FOUR TIMES DURING THE YEAR, TWICE FOR DETECTION AND TWICE FOR

VERIFICATION.

C. ONE AERO-COMMANDER SHRIKE AIRCRAFT IS TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE SOLE FULL TIME USE OF SDC DURING THE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT. A QUESTION OF OVERHAUL HAS BEEN RAISED. PLEASE ADVISE IF OVERHAUL IS NEEDED. IF SO, LEAD TIME MUST BE CONSIDERED.

D. ONE COMPLETE SET OF MOPS DATA REDUCTION EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN VANS, TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE SOLE FULL TIME USE OF SDC DURING THE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT.

E. NORMAL IN-COUNTRY LOGISTICS SUPPORT BE PROVIDED TO SDC.

F. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE BE ASSIGNED TO THE SDC TEAM, AND HOST COUNTRY PILOTS WHICH WE INFORMED WILL BE A GOM REQUIREMENT TO ALLOW AMERICAN PILOTS TO FLY MEXICAN AIRCRAFT. IT IS NECESSARY TO

HAVE GOM AGREEMENT THAT THESE PILOTS BE ASSIGNED AS REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY SDC FLIGHTS ON A TIMELY BASIS. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT MEXICAN PERSONNEL ACTIVITIES WILL BE UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AMERICAN PROGRAM MANAGER AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEAM SCHEDULES.

G. DAILY ERADICATION REPORTS TO PERMIT AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR ALL ELEMENTS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE MOPS TEAM.

H. ASSURANCE THAT THE TARGET MAPS AND DATA PRODUCED BY MOPS (TO BE GENERATED WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION OF EACH FLIGHT) WILL IN FACT BE USED BY THE ERADICATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEAMS.

3) PRIOR TO OBLIGATION OF FUNDS AND CONTRACTING FOR THESE SERVICES, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS AS OUTLINED ABOVE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND TO OBTAIN VERBAL CONFIRMATION OF THE AGREED POSITION REACHED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM. SUGGEST FOLLOWUP MEMO BERNAL-GERTZ ON POINTS OF AGREEMENT. IT IS INTENDED TO SEND MRS. SONDR A WENDEROTH, PRESIDENT AND MR. DAVID PEAK, WASHINGTON REP, S.D.C. TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS AS APPROPRIATE. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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